

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee: August 14, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Support for Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA) in Hamilton

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has been designated under the provincial French Language Service Act of Ontario as a francophone city as of December 31, 2000 to provide municipal services in both English and French,

WHEREAS, Hamilton is one of 14 Canadian cities designated by the Government of Canada's Francophone Immigration Strategy to service Francophones,

WHEREAS, the Fédération des aînés et des retraités francophones de l'Ontario (FARFO) and the Centre Francophone are the lead organizations applying for funding from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility (MSA) for a new Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA) in Hamilton,

WHEREAS, the 2021 census identified over 50,000 Hamiltonians who speak French and of that population, approximately 10% are over the age of 55,

WHEREAS, FARFO and Centre Francophone have budgeted \$72,000 per year to provide French programming to serve Francophone seniors at the new French SALCA,

WHEREAS, the funding from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility requires that the Municipality must contribute a minimum of 20% of the net annual cost for maintaining and operating the program and that the contribution can be in cash, or in kind, or a combination thereof

WHEREAS, Hamilton has 11 Senior Active Living Centers (SALCA) but none serving the French population

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's Recreation Department is authorized to provide eligible groups engaged in eligible activities a 100% Fee Waiver or part thereof, up to a maximum of \$10,000.00 per request based on the merit of the activity and their ability to demonstrate financial hardship in accordance with the Fee Waiver/Reduction Policy for use of City of Hamilton recreation facilities;

WHEREAS, the Fédération des aînés et des retraités francophones de l'Ontario (FARFO) and Centre Francophone meets the eligibility criteria, as a community group; and

WHEREAS, the Fédération des aînés et des retraités francophones de l'Ontario (FARFO) and Centre Francophone's, Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA) is considered an eligible activity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant funded from the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account [3302109400] be provided to the Fédération des aînés et des retraités francophones de l'Ontario (FARFO) and Centre Francophone to support their application for a Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA), at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$4,400;
- (b) That Recreation Staff be authorized to waive rental fees for 2023 for the Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA) to an upset limit of \$10,000;
- (c) That Recreation Staff be authorized to waive future facility rental fees for the Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA) to an upset limit of \$10,000 per calendar year;
- (d) That the funding in the amount of \$4,400 to support the Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA) in future years be included in the 2024 Healthy and Safe Communities Department base operating budget; and,
- (e) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.